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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, JO, XF  
SUBJECT: JORDANIAN MININFO ON GOJ WEST BANK ACTIVITIES

REF: JERUSALEM 1131

1. JORDANIAN MININFO ADNAN ABU ODEH DISCUSSED WITH CHARGE RECENT VISIT OF HEBRON MAYOR QAWASMI AND DELEGATION TO AMMAN. ABU ODEH DISMISSED AL FAJR ARTICLE AS HIGHLY TENDENTIOUS AND AL FAJR ITSELF AS PRO-COMMUNIST RAG WHOSE CREDIBILITY IS GENERALLY TO BE DOUBTED.

2. AS THE SAME TIME ABU ODEH INDICATED THAT HE EXPRESSED GOJ DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO HEBRON DELEGATION, AND ADDED THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING JORDAN'S TIES WITH WEST BANK AND HE PLANS TO PURSUE LOW-KEY APPROACHES TO ITS LEADERS. HE INDICATED THAT JORDAN (PROBABLY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS POSTURE OF ADHERENCE TO RABAT SUMMIT) DOES NOT FORMALLY "INVITE" WEST BANK LEADERS TO AMMAN. ABU ODEH SAID THAT HE HAS FOR INSTANCE PASSED WORD THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY TO NEW MAYOR OF NABULUS THAT ABU ODEH WOULD WELCOME A TRIP FROM HIM TO  
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AMMAN AND HE HOPES IT WILL DEVELOP SOON. HE SAID HE

TELLS WEST BANK LEADERS THEY CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS,  
I.E. TAKE MONEY FROM JORDAN AND AT SAME TIME MAKE A POINT  
OF PUBLICLY STATING THEY WILL RESIST "POLITICAL" RELATIONSHIP,  
SINCE INFLUENCE INEVITABLY FLOWS FROM SUCH SUPPORT.

3. ABU ODEH CONFIRMED THAT HE HAS BEEN FORMALLY  
DESIGNATED DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF OCCUPIED WEST  
BANK AFFAIRS. HE INDICATED HOWEVER THAT HIS OPERATION  
IS HANDICAPPED BY A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS, AND ADDED THAT HE  
SAW REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR USG INTERESTS IN MAINTAINING  
STRONG GOJ ROLE IN WEST BANK.

4. COMMENT: WE DID NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE ABU ODEH  
IN HIS RATHER OBVIOUS BUT LOW-KEY PITCH FOR US FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE FOR JORDAN'S WEST BANK ACTIVITIES. ABU ODEH  
IS AMBITIOUS POLITICALLY AND TRYING TO RE-ASSERT HIMSELF  
IN HIS NEW JOB. IT IS UNCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT HE REALLY  
SPEAKS FOR GOJ IN WEST BANK POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, WHICH  
HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN HANDLED FROM THE PALACE OR  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. WE CAN HOWEVER EXPECT THAT THE  
ACTIVIST ABU ODEH WILL BE DOING HIS BEST TO ENLARGE HIS  
WEST BANK POLITICAL MANDATE IN HIS PRESENT POSITION,  
DESPITE CONSTRAINTS ON HIGH GOJ PROFILE IMPOSED BY RABAT  
CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.  
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